

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00668-JDB**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Assigned to: Judge John D. Bates  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/23/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
03/23/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5386366) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons for U.S. Attorney for DC, # <u>3</u> Summons for Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons for U.S. Department of State)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 03/23/2018)
03/23/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 03/23/2018)
03/23/2018		Case Assigned to Judge John D. Bates. (zmd) (Entered: 03/26/2018)
03/29/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (tth) (Entered: 03/29/2018)
04/03/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/2/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/2/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 04/02/18., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 4/3/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Summons for U.S. Attorney for DC, # <u>2</u> Summons for U.S. Attorney General, # <u>3</u> Summons for U.S.

		Department of State)(Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 04/03/2018)
04/27/2018	<u>5</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Patricia K. McBride on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 04/27/2018)
05/02/2018	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE.(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 05/02/2018)
05/03/2018	<u>7</u>	SCHEDULING ORDER requiring the parties to submit joint or separate proposed schedules for filing dispositive motions by not later than June 1, 2018. See text of order for details. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 5/3/2018. (lcjdb2) (Entered: 05/03/2018)
05/03/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 6/1/2018. (tb) (Entered: 05/03/2018)
06/01/2018	<u>8</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Status Report</i> by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Aldrich, Jason) (Entered: 06/01/2018)
06/04/2018	<u>9</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Joint Status Report)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 06/04/2018)
06/05/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>9</u> defendant's unopposed motion for extension of time to file a status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED; it is further ORDERED that [9-2] defendant's status report is deemed FILED. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 6/5/2018. (lcjdb2) (Entered: 06/05/2018)
06/05/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>8</u> and [9-2] the parties' status reports, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report by not later than July 6, 2018 containing either a proposed document production schedule or a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 6/5/2018. (lcjdb2) (Entered: 06/05/2018)
06/05/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (ztd) (Entered: 06/05/2018)
06/05/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/6/2018. (tb) (Entered: 06/05/2018)
07/05/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 07/05/2018)
10/09/2018	<u>12</u>	MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on defendant's document production by not later than November 12, 2018. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 10/9/2018. (lcjdb2) (Entered: 10/09/2018)
10/12/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/12/2018. (tb) (Entered: 10/12/2018)
11/09/2018	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 11/09/2018)
11/24/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>13</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on defendant's document production by not later than January 15, 2019. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 11/24/2018. (lcjdb2) (Entered: 11/24/2018)
11/26/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/15/2019. (tb) (Entered: 11/26/2018)
01/11/2019	<u>14</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay , MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Hudak, Brian) (Entered: 01/11/2019)
01/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>14</u> defendant's unopposed motion for a stay and for extension of time in light of the lapse in appropriations, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED; it is further ORDERED that all pending deadlines in this action are stayed for the duration of the lapse; and it is further ORDERED that defendant shall file a joint status report both notifying the

		Court that funding has been restored and, in accordance with the Court's November 24, 2018, Minute Order, updating the Court on defendant's document production, by not later than seven days after the lapse has ceased. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 1/14/2019. (lcjdb2) (Entered: 01/14/2019)
02/01/2019	<u>15</u>	NOTICE of Restored Government Funding by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 02/01/2019)
02/14/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>15</u> defendant's notice of restored funding and request to file a joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED; it is further ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report updating the Court on defendant's document production by not later than March 12, 2019. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 2/14/2019. (lcjdb2) (Entered: 02/14/2019)
02/14/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/12/2019. (tb) (Entered: 02/14/2019)
03/12/2019	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 03/12/2019)
03/13/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>16</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on defendant's document production by not later than May 15, 2019. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 2/13/2019. (lcjdb2) (Entered: 03/13/2019)
03/14/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/15/2019. (tb) (Entered: 03/14/2019)
05/15/2019	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 05/15/2019)
05/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>17</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on defendant's document production by not later than July 15, 2019. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 5/15/2019. (lcjdb2) (Entered: 05/15/2019)
05/16/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/15/2019. (tb) (Entered: 05/16/2019)
07/12/2019	<u>18</u>	ENTERED IN ERROR. . . .Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (McBride, Patricia) Modified on 7/12/2019 (ztd). (Entered: 07/12/2019)
07/12/2019		NOTICE OF ERROR re <u>18</u> Status Report; emailed to patricia.mcbride@usdoj.gov, cc'd 5 associated attorneys -- The PDF file you docketed contained errors: 1. Incorrect header/caption/case number, 2. Please refile document (ztd, ) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
07/12/2019	<u>19</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
07/12/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>19</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on defendant's document production by not later than September 13, 2019. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 7/12/2019. (lcjdb2) (Entered: 07/12/2019)
07/15/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/13/2019. (tb) (Entered: 07/15/2019)
09/13/2019	<u>20</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (McBride, Patricia) (Entered: 09/13/2019)
09/13/2019		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of <u>20</u> the parties' joint status report, and the entire record herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on defendant's document production by not later than November 13, 2019. Signed by Judge John D. Bates on 9/13/19. (lcjdb2) (Entered: 09/13/2019)
09/13/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/13/2019. (mac) (Entered: 09/13/2019)